



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents

**FROM:** John Wolf, Office of Student Learning

**DATE:** May 21, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Full-Day Kindergarten Grant

**Public Law 234-2007, SECTION 9** provides \$58.5 million in funding for Full-Day Kindergarten Grant Program in 2010-2011. Highlights of the program include:

- School corporations and charter schools are eligible for grants.
- To be eligible for funding, programs must provide five hours of daily instructional time for 180 days during the school year and must meet the academic standards and other applicable state statutes and rules.
- Schools may charge a fee for participation in the full-day program only if the school also offers a half-day program.
- School corporations and charter schools may choose to wait and enter the program during 2011-2012 without penalty.
- The grant application deadline is **5 p.m. EDT on Friday, June 18, 2010**. All school corporations and charter schools that include Kindergarten are expected to submit an application. If a school corporation or charter school does not intend to apply for a grant in 2010-2011, we still ask that you respond in order that we might have complete information. If a corporation will not have its Kindergarten roundup completed by the deadline, please contact John Wolf at [jwolf@doe.in.gov](mailto:jwolf@doe.in.gov).
- Based on applications submitted by the deadline, school corporations and charter schools will receive an estimate of their grant amount.
- Student enrollment counts must be taken on September 17, 2010, and submitted no later than October 1, 2010, on Form DOE-ME. Final grant amounts will be based on this count.
- Grants will be distributed in December 2010.
- Grant amounts will be determined without regard to the demographic makeup of the applicant school corporation or charter school.
- Unexpended grant funds must be returned to the state.
- Special rules apply if grant funds are used in combination with federal Title I funds (see pg 2.)
- Teachers must monitor the literacy progress of all students participating in the program. The assessment should be a valid observational assessment such as the state assessment mClass Reading 3D or Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS).

The amount available for each school corporation or charter school will equal the amount appropriated divided by the total full-day kindergarten enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year, and then multiplied by the school corporation's or charter school's full-day kindergarten enrollment.

If all public school corporations and charter schools choose to participate and fund all full-day kindergarten students, the minimum amount a school corporation or charter school could receive would be approximately \$788 per student. This amount may be higher or lower depending on the number of students enrolled in full-day kindergarten programs funded by the full-day kindergarten Grant. The statute provides that no school corporation or charter school may receive more than \$2,500 per student. If funding is insufficient to serve all students, the school may use any funds allowable under state and federal law including general funds or voluntary parent fees to fully fund the full-day kindergarten program.

If the Full-Day Kindergarten Grant funds are to be used in combination with federal Title I funds to provide full-day kindergarten, one of two methods must be employed to demonstrate compliance with the federal supplement, not supplant provisions. The methods are the traditional 'Title I-like' model or an alternate 'fair share' model. Both of these models are outlined on the attached Supplement, Not Supplant as it relates to Title I—Funded Extended-Day/Full Day Kindergarten. If your district currently serves Title I schools, more complete information on the Title I guidance is available at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/TitleI/pdf/SupplementNotSupplantFullDayK.pdf>. Questions regarding the use of Title I funds should be directed to your Title I Specialist at 317-232-0540 or toll free at 877-418-7240.

All school corporations and charter schools that include kindergarten must complete and submit the online [www.doe.in.gov/fdkgrant](http://www.doe.in.gov/fdkgrant) form to the Indiana Department of Education. The deadline is **5p.m. EDT on June 18, 2010.**

For additional information see attached Kindergarten FAQ document.